

## Delaware Trauma System Committee Meeting

Public Health Training Center

Dover Delaware

February 24, 2016

12:30 – 2:15 PM

**Members Present:** E. Alexander\*, S. Carey\*, K. Collison, D. Eberly\*, J. Hammond\*, D. Hochstuhl\*, M. Holland\*, E. Johnson\*, L. Jones\*, M. Lamborn\*, R. Mauch\*, M. Mitchell\*, M. Pragg\*, C. Higgins\*

**Alternates/Guests Present:** K. Bradley\*, P. Cowan\*, D. Curtis\*, L. Ebeling\*, M. Griffin\*, M. Jadali\*, N. Khare\*, B. King\*, M. LeNoir\*, S. Megee-Snyder\*, J. Pirrung (phone), N. Tyndall\*, A. Fulton\*, B. Huss, J. Whaley\*

**Staff Present:** V. Crowe\*, M.S. Jones\*, R. Megargel\*, S. Murphy\*, G. Tinkoff\*

**Members Excused:** J. Brennan, C. Faedtke, D. Jones, J. Simpler

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>	<u>Information/Action Plan</u>
<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>	S. Murphy	The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. and introductions were made.
<b>A. Minutes</b>	S. Murphy	The previous minutes were reviewed. A motion for approval was made by P. Cowan and seconded by D. Curtis; minutes were approved.
<b>II. New Business</b>		
<b>A. System Updates</b>		Included with Networking Highlights
<b>B. Other</b>		None
<b>III. Unfinished Business &amp; Reports</b>		.
<b>A. Unfinished Business</b>		
<b>1. Trauma System funding legislation</b>	M.S. Jones  R. Megargel	The Trauma System funding Power Point presentation is ready to be shared with the Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) but a final date has not been decided. The Policy Committee of the Association is interested in receiving this information. The hospital trauma managers had a conference call to try to develop a more consistent method of describing the costs of trauma readiness for the hospitals. All hospital trauma managers should complete the spreadsheet that was developed and send it to M.S. Jones by April 1 <sup>st</sup> for use with the DHA presentation. The county EMS directors recommended to the Joint Finance Committee that EMS funding should be taken out of the bond bill and placed into a separate category for public safety in the state budget.
<b>2. Other</b>	M.S. Jones	The 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of our Trauma System enabling legislation will be in July. The proposed date for the Trauma System anniversary event is Tuesday, July 12 <sup>th</sup> . S. Blessing, EMS and Preparedness Section Chief, recommended that the event be similar to the previous press event held at Christiana Hospital to share information on the decreasing mortality rate for the most seriously injured in Delaware. Suggestions for the event venue, agenda items, and patient speakers should be sent to M.S. Jones. G. Tinkoff suggested having the event at Legislative Hall and creating a committee to work on this project.

	J. Pirrung	The agenda for the Trauma Symposium on May 8 <sup>th</sup> will be uploaded to the website within the next few days.
<b>B. Designation Committee</b>		
1. 2015 site visits – SFH, WH, CH, KGH	M. Mitchell	Kent has received their electronic site visit report from ACS, but are still waiting to receive their letter. Christiana is still waiting to receive their site visit report.
2. 2016 site visits – NMH, DHC	M. Mitchell	Nanticoke's site visit will be on May 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> . Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital's site will be held in November. Exact dates are pending.
<b>C. Trauma System Quality Evaluation Committee Report</b>		
1. Trauma System Registry data – Collector Version 5	M.S. Jones	Digital Innovation has provided a new software update to Collector Version 5. The OEMS cannot accept data until all of the Delaware hospitals have received and loaded the update. Digital Innovation is in the process of creating a pediatric mechanism of injury report that will be distributed to all of the hospitals to use, along with two other demographic reports. Funding for the development and distribution of this report was provided through the EMSC grant.
2. System Registry data	D. Hochstuhl  G. Tinkoff	Dr. Piatt, chief neurosurgeon at Nemours/A. I. duPont Hospital for Children, requested data from the Trauma System Registry for research on pediatric (age less than 18) traumatic brain injury. He will be sharing what he learns with the Trauma Quality Committee when he has completed his analysis. G. Tinkoff is reviewing the data analyzed by duPont for the Trauma System funding presentation, in particular the graph which suggests that the rate of injured hospitalized patients 60 years and older will increase 5 fold through 2020, far surpassing Delaware's population growth in this age group. Dr. Tinkoff will present his findings to the Trauma System Committee once his analysis is completed.
<b>D. Networking Highlights</b>		
1.State EMS Medical Director	R. Megargel	The Medical Directors are reviewing the BLS and paramedic standing orders. The standing orders should be finalized in June. Standing orders can be accessed on the state Office of EMS website.
2. Office of EMS	A. Fulton	The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) review of the Delaware EMS system will be May 24-26. A written report will be received and shared with the Governor, DEMSOC, and all stakeholders. The BLS protocol committee has been formalized by the chairman of the Fire Commission. There was an exploratory meeting on February 24 to discuss Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) with EMS agencies and the Medical Directors. The main goal of MIH is to reduce 30 day readmits to hospitals. There are no current plans to push forward with MIH.
3.Public Health Preparedness		No report.
4. Office of Highway Safety (OHS)	M.S. Jones for J. Simpler	The OHS will not be initiating any legislation this session. Some Delaware citizens have been lobbying for a sponsor for legislation to enhance the state's pedestrian safety law. The proposal will be presented at the Pedestrian Safety Council in March. Upcoming events for the OHS include a DUI checkpoint on St. Patrick's Day and a Click It or Ticket

		event from May 16-30. From February 23 through March 13, the OHS will be focusing on speed and occupant protection.
5. Injury Prevention	J. Whaley  M.S. Jones  J. Hammond	There will be a team leader's conference call on February 25 <sup>th</sup> to discuss the CDC's Core State Violence and Injury Prevention grant. The next Delaware Coalition for Injury Prevention meeting will be held on March 17 <sup>th</sup> . Three Coalition teams were awarded funding for new pediatric injury prevention projects through the EMSC grant funding opportunity. The OEMS is currently awaiting approval to hire a new Safe Kids Coordinator. The annual Safe Kids Conference will be held on June 21 <sup>st</sup> at the Cheswold Fire Hall in Cheswold, DE. A 5K Walk/Run will be held at Chipman Middle School in Harrington for Safe Kids Day on April 30 <sup>th</sup> .
6. DE ACS- COT & DE Chapter, ATS	D. Hochstuhl  S. Murphy	The Delaware ATS Chapter met prior to the Trauma System Committee meeting. The meeting reviewed the make-up of other state chapters, the benefits of National ATS membership, and future potential sponsoring opportunities. M. Cipolle will be moving to the National ACS Committee on Trauma (COT) and will no longer be the state chair for Delaware. S. Murphy is being nominated to move into the Delaware state chair position and Dr. K. Bradley as the Delaware vice chair. The National COT meeting will be held in March in San Diego. S. Murphy will bring questions regarding documentation and verification review. G. Tinkoff has been asked to serve on the Board of the National American Trauma Society.
7. DEMSOC	S. Murphy	The DEMSOC meeting was held on February 17 <sup>th</sup> . A statewide stroke system was discussed. Delaware 911 dispatchers are concerned about the different types of alert systems being worn by citizens. Few of the alert systems allow two way conversations between the patient and dispatcher and some only provide a street address, making it difficult for dispatchers to know which services to send.
8. DPH Office of Rural Health	K. Collison	There will be a cultural competencies training that will be held in May; further details will be provided.
9. Brain Injury Association/TBI/ OTDAB	J. Hammond	The Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Board meeting was held on February 8 <sup>th</sup> . Donor driver license/ID designation in Delaware is currently at 51.17%. August 6 <sup>th</sup> is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual Delaware Donor Dash at the Riverfront in Wilmington, DE.
10. TSC member agencies		None
<u>Adjourn/ Next Meeting</u>	2:13 p.m.	<b><u>Wednesday June 1, 2016 at 12:30, DPH Public Health Training Center, Edgehill Shopping Center, Dover</u></b>